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CARMICHAEL SAID AMERICAN NEGROES ARE "TAKING THE OFFENSIVE NOW" AND SHOULD SEEK VENGEANCE AGAINST PRESIDENT JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK AND DEFENSE SECRETARY McNAMARA.

HE SAID NEGROES WANT TO "SETTLE THE SCORE" AND "WE WILL KILL FIRST AND WE WILL AIM FOR THE HEAD."

"WHEN THE CIA ASSASSINATED MALCOLM X, OUR GREAT LEADER, THEY SUCCEEDED FOR A LONG WHILE IN FOOLING NEGROES INTO BELIEVING THAT IT WAS OTHER NEGROES SETTLING A SCORE," HE SAID. "IF ONE OF US HAD TO BE SHOT DOWN, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NEGROES IN THE UNITED STATES KNOW THAT THE CIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT."

"WE MUST MAKE OUR VENGEANCE AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES," HE SAID. "WE DON'T KNOW IF OUR PEOPLE ARE READY YET, BUT OUR LIST IS READY: McNAMARA, DEAN RUSK, JOHNSON, ETCETERA..."

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